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Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION

APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY:

Address of property: Street 1529 West Baltimore Street
City Baltimore County _____ State Maryland Zip Code 21223
Name of historic district in which property is located Union Square

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

This three story, three bay wide commercial building is identical to 1527 West Baltimore Street except for the storefront design. The storefront features a recessed central entrance with a tiled floor
(continued)

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(use reverse side if necessary)

This building is significant as a representative example of both commercial architecture and useage along West Baltimore Street, an important commercial area of the city since the mid nineteenth century. The
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Date of construction (if known) c. 1870 ☒ Original site ☐ Moved Date of alterations (if known): _____

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name H. Lowenthal and Sons Limited Partnership, c/o Harris J. Belinkie
Street 3041 South Buchanan Street
City Arlington State VA Zip Code 22206
Telephone Number (during day) Area Code (703) 931-1134

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above

Signature [Signature] Date 5-1-80

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6). ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district.

Signature [Signature] Date 5-1-80
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,

☐ is hereby certified a historic structure

☐ does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure Reasons given on the attached sheet

Signature _____ Date _____
Keeper of the National Register

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Description Cont.

flanked by show windows and an entrance to the upper floors on the left. The show windows (now boarded) were designed to project slightly from the front facade. A four paned narrow transom surmounts the store entrance and show windows. Two marble steps lead to an entrance to the upper levels. The entrance (now boarded) features a slightly larger transom. The decorative cornice of the storefront features swags, dentils, and ornamental end brackets. The interior of the building is severely deteriorated, however it retains some fine details. It has wooden floors, plaster walls and a crumbling metal ceiling on the first floor. The interior of the show windows feature wood pannels and parquet strip flooring. The stairway in back of the store has collapsed and upper floors are not accesible. The rear of the first floor features a fireplace opening but the mantel has been removed.

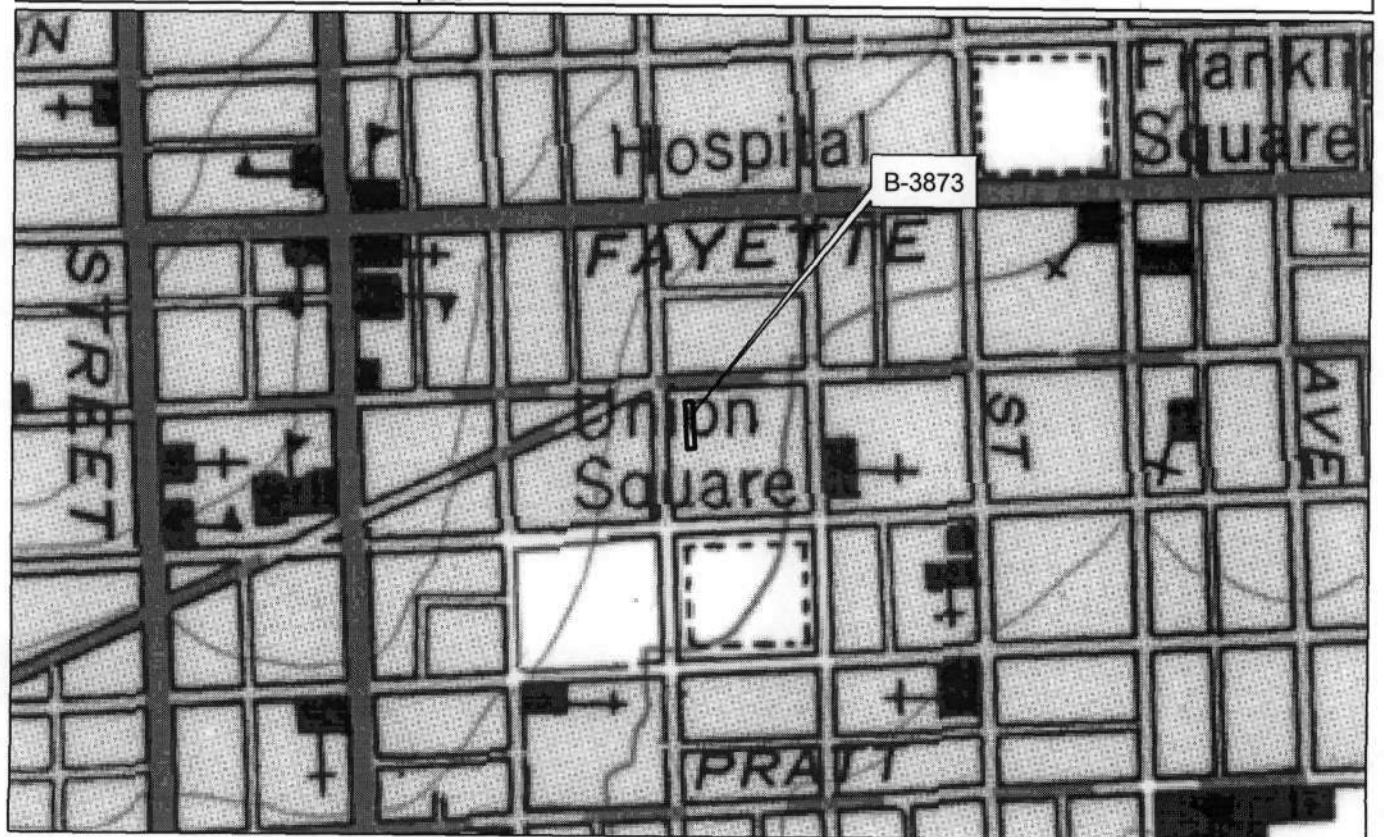
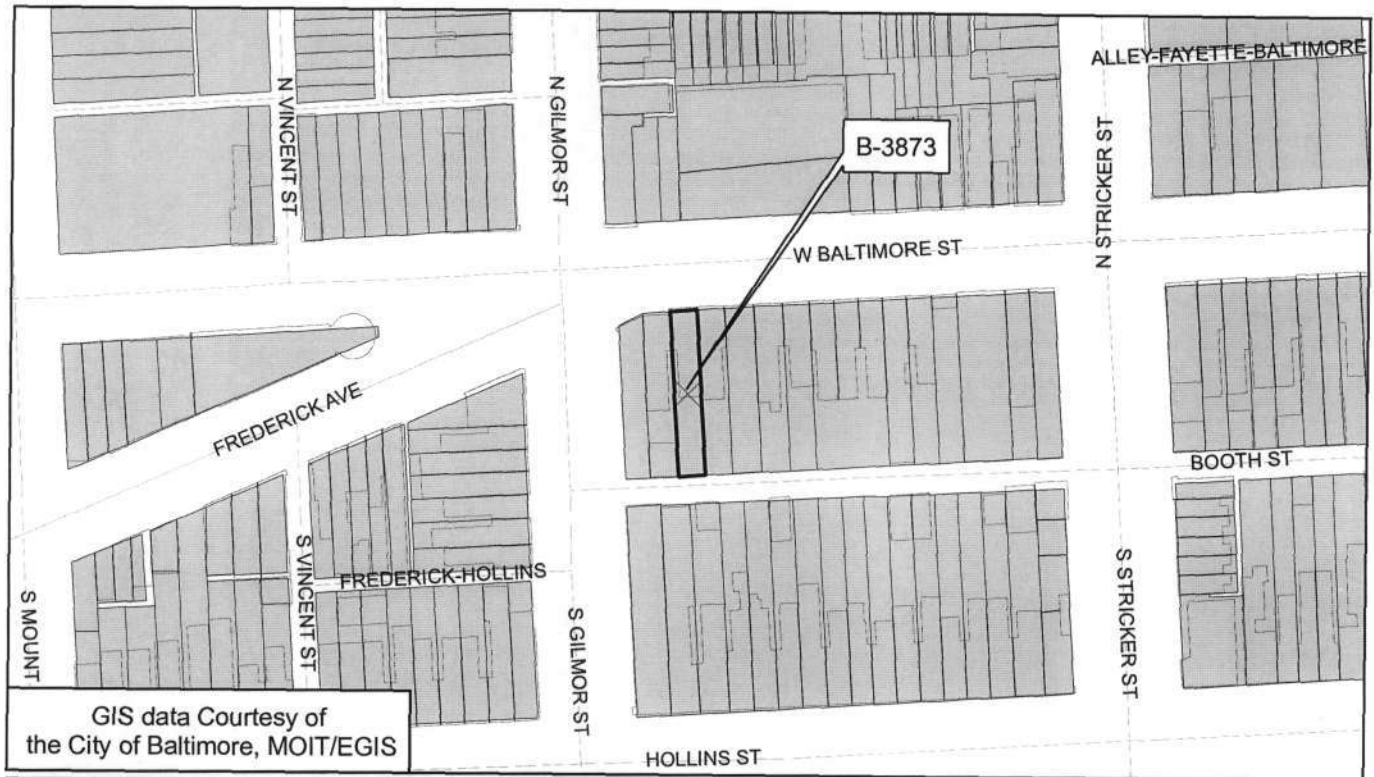
Significance Cont.

West Baltimore Street commercial area rapidly grew in the second half of the nineteenth century and by 1880 nearly all of the buildings along major portions of the street were used for small businesses. During the 1920s, the area was at its business peak and housed some major national chain stores such as A & P and Singer Sewing Machines, as well as growing local chain stores such as Arundel Ice Cream. Three major theatres were located in this section of West Baltimore Street in the early twenieth centruy as well as some larger manufacturing uses such as the Foos Candy Company. After World War II, the surrounding neighborhood and the commercial area went through a stage of deterioration. Today, with innovative programs like shopsteading, and a great deal of residential rehabilitation in Union Square, this historic section of Baltimore is undergoing revitalization.

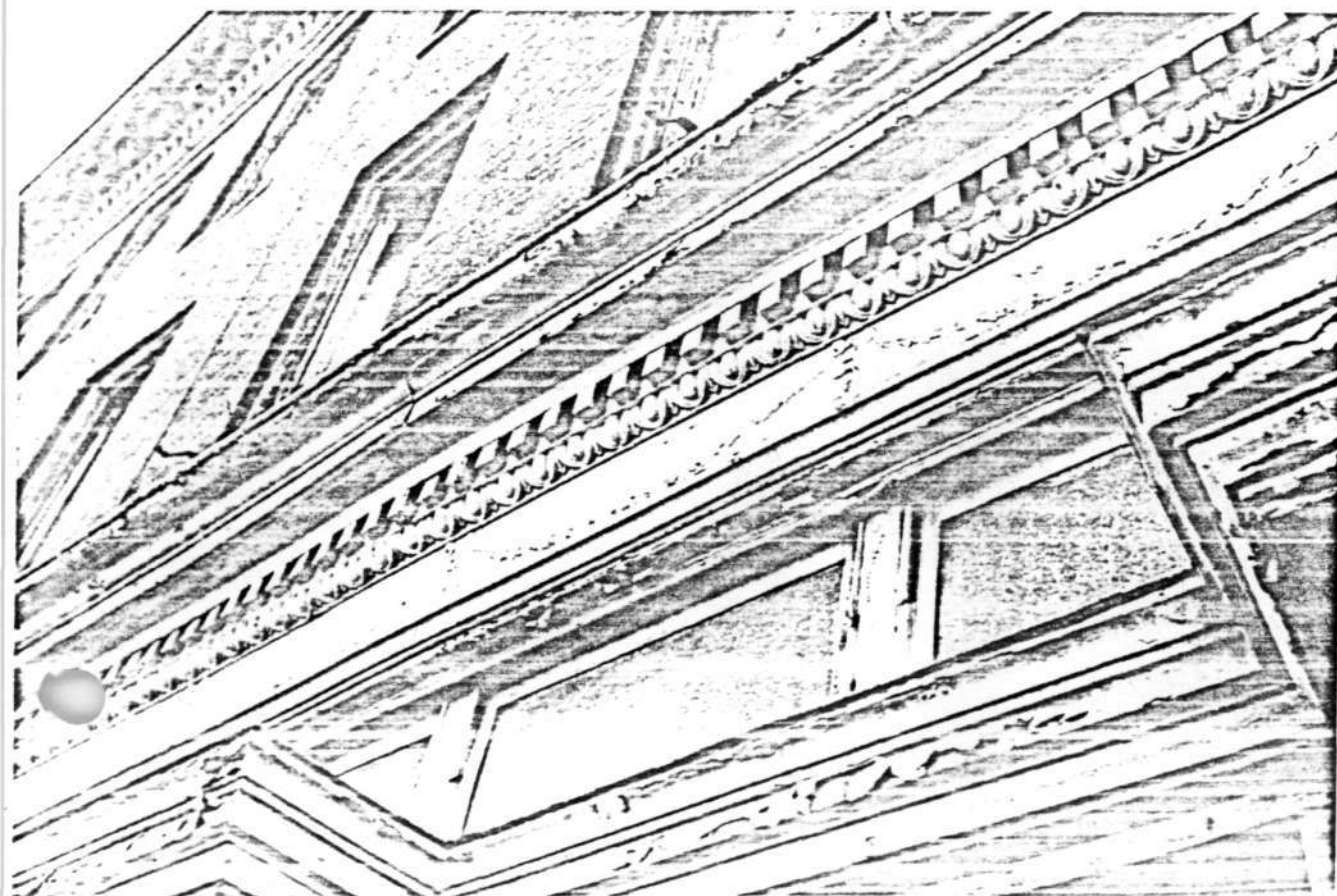
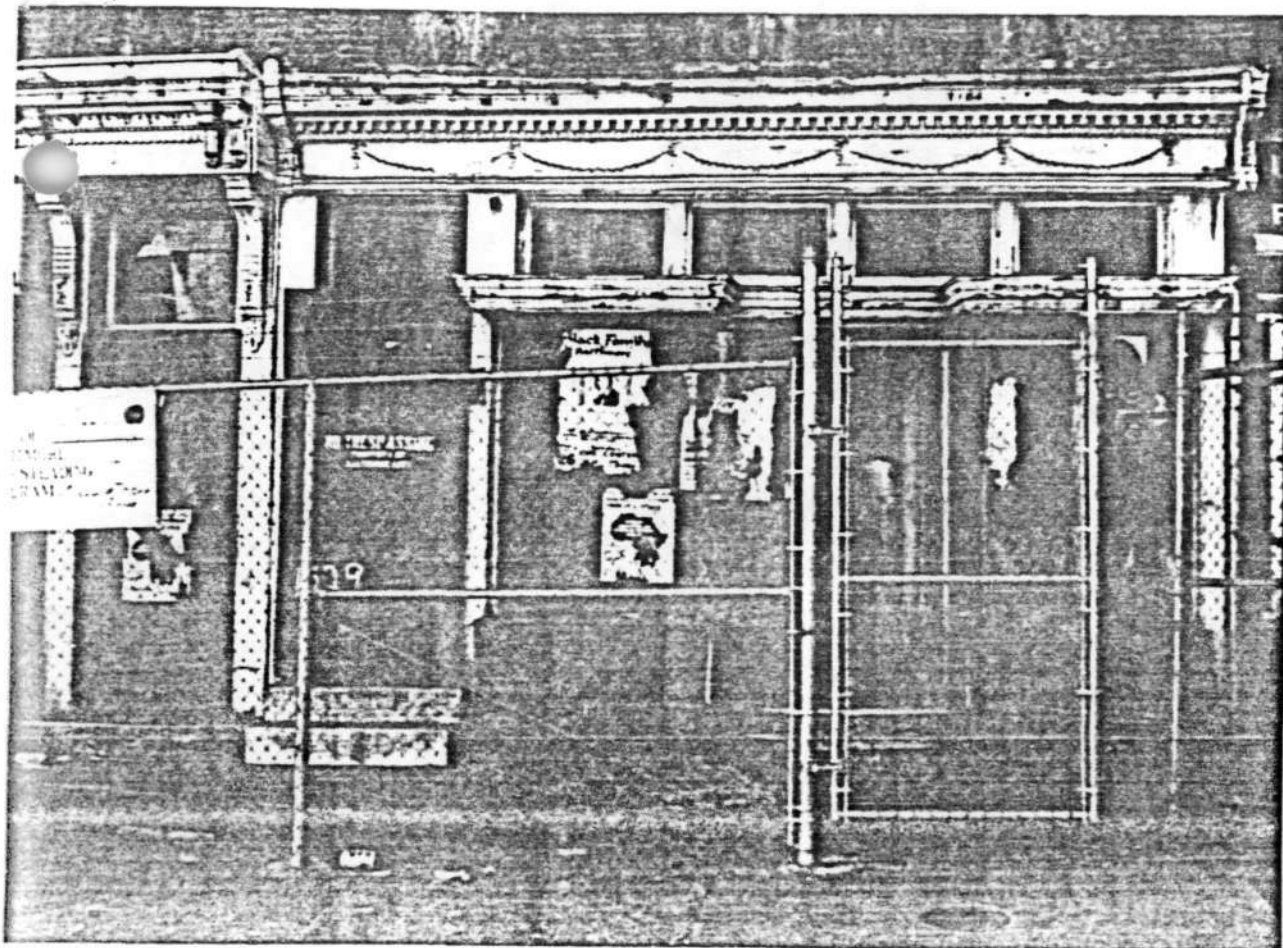
This building, 1529 West Baltimore Street dates from c. 1870 and was probably built by Emanuel Brickerd, a local carpenter, whose name appears in early land records of the property. The building was originally a grocery but housed a saloon in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. In the 1920s and 30s it was used for a confectionary and candy and tobacco company. Later, it was a liquor store durring World War II and the 1950s.

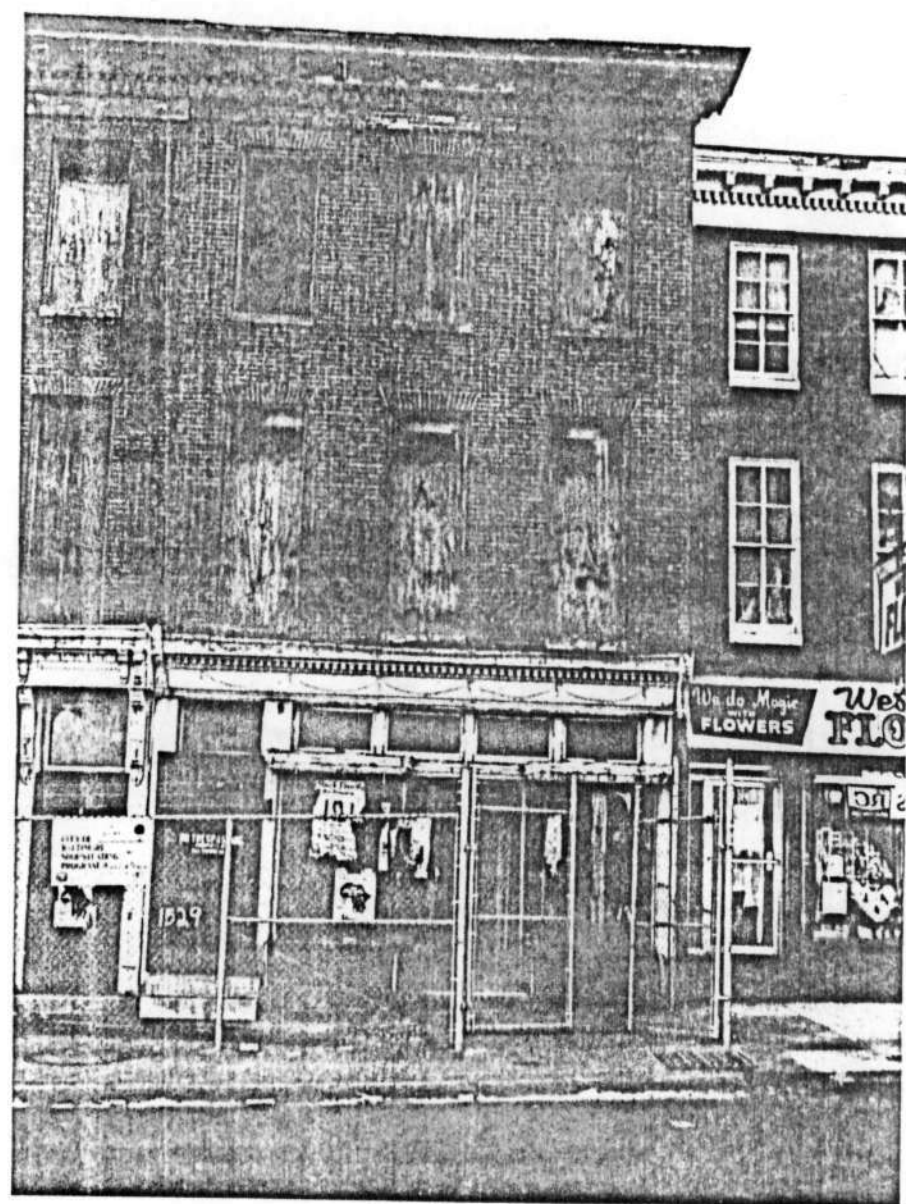
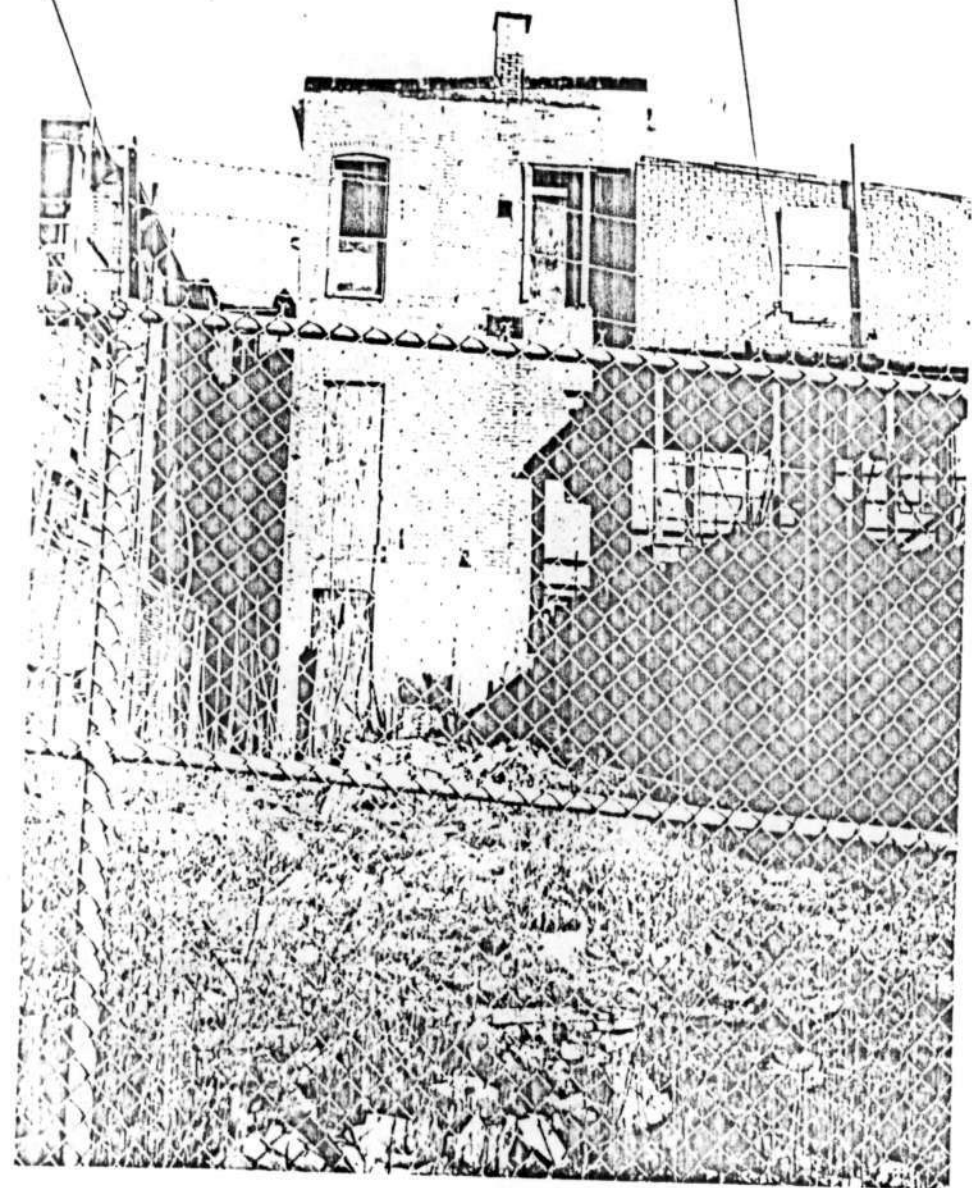
This building is fairly intact architecturally and retains a late nineteenth century storefront and fine interior details. It is contemporary of surrounding buildings and compatible to the late nineteenth century flavor of the street. The rehabilitation of this building through the shopsteading program will enhance revitalization efforts in this area and return an important element within the West Baltimore streetscape to its original appearance.

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